

Success is a difficult thing to truly define.

True success is not what the world thinks of you and what you have done.

True success is what God thinks of you and what you have done.

**I. GOD PREPARES THOSE HE CALLS. Joshua 1:1, 2**

A. Joshua's call to leadership may seem abrupt but **God spent many years preparing him.**

After forty years in the wilderness, God told Moses that he had chosen Joshua to Lead the People.

B. Each of us encounter all kinds of obstacles in life.

The obstacles that we overcome become steppingstones for us;

Opportunities to experience God's power and to grow in our faith.

When God equips you and calls you - - He can use you in a remarkable way.

**II. GOD PROMISES THAT HE WILL BE WITH US. Joshua 1:3-6**

A. Although he knew that he was chosen by God to be the next leader,

Anxiety and fear threatened to crush him.

Could he handle so great a responsibility?

What if he failed?

B. He found comfort and reassurance in God's word. **versus 3-6**

God does understand! He knows what each of us is struggling with.

He affirms that he is present, and he will not leave us not forsake us.

**III. GOD PRESENTS US WITH THE SECRET OF SUCCESS Joshua 1:7-9**

1. Joshua was primarily a soldier.

He was successful because he paid attention from the very beginning of his role as leader.

He did not deviate from Moses instructions.

**In Joshua we see four parts to the formula for success.**

1. He was to know God's Word.

Everything depended on Joshua knowing and studying the word of God.

It was to be his guide in everything he did, and it was.

2. He was to talk about God's Word.

Joshua was advised to make the word of God a part of his life every day

That is exactly what we must do.

3. He was to meditate on God's Word.

Mediation means thinking or contemplating how to apply the word in your life.

Mediation has application as a goal.

It is only when the word of God gets into our minds and affects our normal day to day decision making that we begin to act differently.

4. He was to Obey God's Word in Its Entirety.

This is the last element and is absolutely critical.

Not only was he to know it, speak about it, meditate on it, he was to obey it.

Most Christians know a lot more of the Bible than they are applying.

It is not that we don't know what is right; it is that we don't do what is right!